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LETTER DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE LEADER OF THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE CONFERENCE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE JOINT DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ON THE DE-TARGETING OF NUCLEAR MISSILES, ISSUED IN MOSCOW ON 15 FEBRUARY 1994

We have the honour to forward to you the English and Russian language texts of the Joint Declaration by the President of the Russian Federation and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the de-targeting of nuclear missiles issued in Moscow on 15 February 1994.

We should be grateful if you would take the appropriate steps to register this document as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament, and to have it distributed to all member delegations and non-member States participating in the work of the Conference.

(Signed): Sir Michael Weston,
Ambassador,
Leader of the
United Kingdom
Delegation to the
Conference on Disarmament

(Signed): Grigori V. Berdennikov,
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative
of the Russian Federation
to the Conference on
Disarmament.

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JOINT DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

The President of the Russian Federation and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

- Affirming the fundamental importance of the relationship of partnership between their two countries based on the Treaty on the Principles of Relations between the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of 9 November 1992;

- Emphasising that an element of principle in this relationship of partnership is cooperation between the two countries in the strengthening of European and global security and in building new, non-confrontational international relations;

- Welcoming the agreement between the Russian Federation and the United States of America of 14 January 1994 on the de-targetting of strategic nuclear missiles;

- On the basis of discussions between the sides on nuclear weapons issues, and on the basis of their desire to make a weighty practical contribution to the strengthening of strategic stability in the world;

- Declare that they will ensure the adoption of all necessary measures so that strategic nuclear missiles under their respective command will be de-targetted not later than 30 May 1994.

Accordingly, the day-to-day management of both sides' nuclear forces will be carried out in accordance with the mutual recognition that the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are not adversaries.

Moscow, 15 February 1994

PRESIDENT
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

PRIME MINISTER
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND